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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: COL (Ret.) Michael Naylor

FROM: Admiral Zumwalt

DATE: August 2, 1999

SUBJ: Comments on Interim Report

COMMENTS:

- 1) Chapter 3, page 12: I have reservations about toning down the "lessons learned." To me, this is one of the most important aspects of the work going on in terms of Desert Storm analyses.
- 2) The information papers it seems to me are helpful. If time is a problem, I agree with curtailing them but if they have the staff and time to do them, I would prefer to see them continue.
- 3) Chapter 4, page 19: I am glad you take a strong position that depleted uranium is unlikely to be the cause of unexplained illnesses.
- 4) Chapter 5: This chapter is properly entitled but the bottom of the pages show Chapter 6.
- 5) Chapter 5, page 28: I agree with the formulation that "all research on Gulf War veterans' illnesses that is funded by the government should be subjected to external competition and independent peer review." However we need to be aware that this could cause a problem with Doctor Haley and his protagonists.
- 6) Chapter 5, page 29: The second line on the page is in the wrong place. It should be exchanged with the third line.
- 7) Chapter 6, page 33: Under the first observation, we should refer to the JCS letter concerning their commitment. See attached

I think the draft is an excellent report.